

The Kisselgraph

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ANNUAL BANQUET MEETING

The annual Kissel Kar Klub Banquet Meeting was held August 19th as was originally planned. There was quite a difference however this year over previous years. We had fewer Kissel car owners and considerably higher number of Kissel family members. According to my records we had a total of 26. Many hadn't been to the Museum before. It was quite interesting to see the interaction and to have this living family tree during the annual event. At the time of the meeting there wasn't a single Kissel there that owned a Kissel. Beatrice Kissel Schauer and her husband Fred bought us the Speedster that we have on display. So they in fact owned one since the company went out of business, even though it was only for a few weeks. During the meeting however many of the Kissel family got quite interested in getting a car back into the family. It was a good meeting, a good time was had by all. We will continue with the annual meeting.

KISSELS BOUGHT AND SOLD

I am pleased to announce that Doug and Sheila Kissel of Hartford, (Doug being a direct descendent of Bill Kissel Sr.) have recently purchased two Kissels automobiles. One was previously owned by Peter Heller, an enclosed Speedster, with a 6 cylinder engine. The other was from the estate of Solon Sprinchorn, It's a 1929 Coupe⁵⁻²⁵. Both have already been delivered to Hartford. One's on display and the other one Doug Kissel is working on to fine tune it a bit. It will also be coming to the museum. We're very happy that both cars have gotten closer to home, and that really increases our display of Kissel!

UN-RESTORED AND ON DISPLAY

Just recently Robert Feind of Grafton, Wisconsin, brought over his beautiful 1912 Kissel Touring car. This has the big 4-50 engine. It is a huge car, and it is one hundred percent original and it is running! It has been stored for quite some time. He would have driven it here from Grafton a distance of about twenty five miles, except he didn't have someone to bring him back to Grafton. That is how confident he is in its running condition. It's a great car to have on display. Everybody seems to enjoy looking at original cars especially one in as good of condition as this is!

ANOTHER KISSEL KAR

Well, when you think you have found them, there is always another surprise! The museum owns one 1930 Kissel Touring car that was kindly donated by Dr. Frederick Simeone of Philadelphia. We also have a Kissel on loan by John and Jerry Kissel of Wetmore, Kansas. What we thought was the third Kissel is owned by Konstantin Nikitin, Slovakia, Europe. I just have word now, and pictures, of a completely restored 1930 Kissel located in Denmark. It's the big Model 95 four door Sedan owned by Lauritz Lauritzen. He just recently completed its restoration and according to his letter dated August 29th he has driven it approximately 625 miles. He is looking for one item which is the white eagle emblem that goes on the radiator, if any one has an extra one that they would part with, please contact us

GRANT GIVEN

After many years of making applications to the Federal government, and State government, the auto museum finally has been successful in obtaining a grant from the State Department of Transportation. This grant is in the amount of \$426,000.00 of which we have to raise 20%, it's a matching type grant. We're in dire need of a new roof, the building needs to be cleaned and tuck pointed. Some windows need replacing, along with heating and air conditioning. This grant should put us in very good condition, for many years to come. We anticipate that the work should start sometime in late spring and hopefully completed by fall. The projects are rather basic and should be accomplished quickly. Of course the biggest project of the whole effort is to raise the additional \$85,000.00. Hartford, Wisconsin, is a very small community. There are several fund raising efforts going on at the same time. We feel it will be difficult for us to raise that money just from the local people. Therefore we are asking that you highly consider making a donation to the museum, so that we can help promote the Kissel name to increase the value of the Kissel, which you presently own and ultimately derive some benefit from. We would hope that this year you would really give it some consideration. We have not been as direct before in our requests to the Kissel Kar Klub membership for funds. We are a tax exempt 501(L)3 organization and your donations of cash, stock, or other properties would be deductible to the maximum limits of the law.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

